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HOUSE BILL NO. 1235

Introduced by: The Committee on Education at the request of the Governor

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to increase the compulsory attendance age for school
2 attendance.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 13-27-1 be amended to read as follows:

5 13-27-1. Every person having control of a child, who is six years old by the first day of
6 September and who has not exceeded the age of ~~sixteen~~ eighteen, shall cause the child to
7 regularly and annually attend some public or nonpublic school for the entire term during which
8 the public school in the district in which the person resides, or the school to which the child is
9 assigned to attend, is in session, until the child reaches the age of ~~sixteen~~ eighteen years, unless
10 the child has graduated or is excused as provided in this chapter. The eighteen years of age
11 requirement does not apply to any child who was born from July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1990,
12 inclusive, and who has legally not regularly attended a public or nonpublic school at any time
13 from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006, inclusive.

14 Any child under age six enrolled in any elementary school or kindergarten program is
15 subject to the compulsory attendance statutes of this state. A waiver of the compulsory
16 attendance requirement for children under the age of seven years of age shall be granted by the



1 school district upon the request of the parents.